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The Preamble was put and carried. 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I move—

" That the Madras District Collectors' Powers (Delegation) Bill, 1956, be passed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Motion moved—

" That the Madras District Collectors' Powers (Delegation) Bill, 1956, be passed."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, பல சட்டங்களிலும் ரெவின்யூ **Divisional** அதிகாரிகள் அல்லது **Deputy Collectors** போட்ட உத்தரவை ஜில்லா கலெக்டருக்கு அப்பீல் செய்வதற்குள்ள விதிகள் சட்டத்தில் இருக்கின்றன ; அதற்கான சௌகரியங்களும் இருக்கிறது. நாம் இப்பொழுது குறிப்பிட்டிருக்கும் மசோதா பிரகாரம் ஒரு **Deputy Collector** யைத்தான் **Personal Assistant** ஆகப் போட்டு ஜில்லா **Collector** க்குள்ள அதிகாரங்களை மாற்றிக் கொடுக்கப்போகிறோம். அதே **rank**-ல் இருக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரிகள் வழங்கக்கூடியதின் மேல் அப்பீல் செய்ய சந்தர்ப்பம் இருக்குமானால் கூடுமானவரையில் **Senior Deputy Collector** யைத்தான் **Personal Assistant** ஆகப் போட வேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால் ஒரு அதிகாரி போட்ட உத்தரவை அதே **rank**-ல் உள்ள அதிகாரி மாற்றும் நிலை ஏற்பட்டால் அவர்களுக்கும் மனக் கஷ்டம் இருக்கும். **Senior hand** போட்ட உத்தரவை எப்படி மாற்றுவது என்ற யோசனையும் வரும். அவர்களிடையே அதனால் மனக் கசப்பு வளர இடமுண்டு. ஆகவே, ஸீனியர் அதிகாரிகளைத்தான் **Personal Assistants** ஆகப் போடவேண்டும்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இந்த புது யோசனைக்கு அவசியமேயில்லை. ஏனெனில், ஏற்கனவே **Senior Deputy Collectors** யைத்தான் **Personal Assistant** ஆக போட்டுக்கொண்டு வருகிறோம்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Madras District Collectors' Powers (Delegation) Bill, 1956, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS BUILDINGS (LEASE AND RENT CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL, 1956.

* THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1956, and move—

" That the Bill be taken into consideration."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in the Business Advisory Committee meeting this morning the Hon. the Leader of the House told me that this Bill also can be dropped.

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* THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Not this one but the other one which has already been postponed.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I was told that this also would be postponed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I think it relates to the first Bill which we have already postponed and not to this Bill. Anyhow it is left to the House whether to take up this Bill or postpone it.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : There is no urgency for this Bill. So this can be postponed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have no objection if it is the desire of the Government to postpone this Bill also.

* THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I will read the Statement of Objects and Reasons which will explain the need for it.

In the course of the discussions on the floor of this House in August 1955 on the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1955 [which was subsequently passed as the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Act, 1955], some members wanted that certain provisions of the principal Act should be amended so as to remove the difficulties experienced in the working of the Act. On that occasion, I gave an assurance that a comprehensive Bill would soon be introduced in the Legislature to remove those difficulties. The present Bill fulfils that assurance. With a view to give an incentive to private enterprise to build more houses and to rebuild old ones with larger accommodation, opportunity has been taken, after careful consideration, to introduce, among other things, two new provisions, namely, one exempting buildings constructed or completed after the 1st January 1955 from the provisions of section 3 of the Act and, the other, providing for the eviction of tenants so as to enable the landlords to repair, renovate or reconstruct old buildings. As the several clauses of the Bill will show, the Bill is designed to mitigate certain hardships now experienced by both the landlords and the tenants and I trust that it will receive the support of the House

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Motion moved—

"That the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

(Sri M. Kalyanasundaram stood up in his place.)

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is an amendment to this motion. Let it be moved. Then I will place the motion as well as the amendment before the House. The hon. Member can then say what he wants to say on the Bill.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I move the amendment standing in my name, namely :—

"That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : I second the amendment, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The motion as well as the amendment are before the House for discussion.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, unfortunately the Hon. the Leader of the House is not present here now. He definitely told me that he had no objection to dropping this Bill. There is also no mention of this Bill in the proceedings of the Business Advisory Committee meeting. I was under the impression that this Bill will not be taken up for consideration today at all. I am not objecting to the Bill on any technical basis. My view is that the Bill covers a wide range of subjects and therefore the House should be given sufficient opportunity to discuss the various provisions and implications of the Bill. Therefore I would request the Hon. Minister to accept the amendment to refer it to a Select Committee. Let the Select Committee go into the provisions of the Bill and then let the new Assembly take up consideration of the Bill as amended by the Select Committee, if the Government feel that the Bill should be taken up now. But if the Government are not very keen, I suggest that it can be dropped for the present.

* THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Sir, there is no point in referring it to the Select Committee. It would practically amount to shelving the thing. If hon. Members are not keen on having this Bill and feel that this need not be taken up now, I have no objection to postpone the consideration of the Bill and leave it to the new Assembly to take it up.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I hope the House gives permission to postpone the consideration of the Bill.

The consideration of the Bill was by leave postponed.

(3) THE MADRAS PLANTATIONS AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill[a], 1956, and move—

"That the Bill be taken into consideration."

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